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## **Arizona's Cotton Production Forecast Unchanged from November**

**Arizona's** all cotton production as of December 1 is forecast at 800,000 bales, unchanged from the November 1 forecast but 30 percent above the final 2010 production. Acres for harvest, at 259,000, are up 63,500 acres from 2010. All cotton yield, at 1,483 pounds per acre, is down 26 pounds from last year year's record high yield. The **United States** all cotton production is forecast at 15.8 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from the November forecast and down 13 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 771 pounds per harvested acre, down 41 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 15.1 million 480-pound bales, down 14 percent from 2010. American Pima production, forecast at 737,200 bales, was carried forward from last month.

**Arizona's** dry bean growers are expected to harvest 7,900 acres of dry edible beans, 5,000 fewer acres than last year. An average yield of 1,870 pounds per acre is expected, 10 pounds less than in 2010. Production is expected to be down 39 percent from the previous year. The **United States** dry edible bean production is forecast at 19.7 million cwt for 2011, down 38 percent from 2010. Planted area is estimated at 1.21 million acres, down 37 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.15 million acres, 38 percent below the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,719 pounds per acre, a decrease of 7 pounds from 2010.